EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1.　　An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by

37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no

later than the payment of the issue fee.

2.　　**"Please replace "Abstract" with the following":**

METHOD OF INPUTTING CHARACTER IN MOBILE TERMINAL

Abstract of the invention

　　A method of inputting letters in a wireless terminal is disclosed. The method

comprises steps of: typing in at least a first and last letter of a word to be input, and

pressing a function key, recognizing as the last letter of the word to be input a letter

typed-in prior to pressing the function key, retrieving from a word repository words

having the same first and last letters as the typed-in first and last ones, and displaying the

retrieved words on a display device, selecting a desired word from the displayed words,

and converting the typed-in first and last.

3.　　**"Please replace claim 1, 19, 20 and 22 with the following":**

　　(Currently Amended) Claim 1, a method of inputting letters in a wireless terminal

comprising steps of:

a) sequentially typing in only the first letter and then the last letter of a word to be input, and pressing a function key;

b) recognizing as the last letter of the word to be input a letter typed-in prior to pressing the function key;

c) from a word repository, retrieving words having the same first and last letters as the typed-in first and last [ones] letters and displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and

d) selecting a desired word from the displayed retrieved words, and converting the typed in first and last letters into the selected word, wherein, in step c), [a] the [word] words to be retrieved [has] have more than 6 letters; wherein a cursor moves in front of the last letter so as to enable an additional letter to be input; and wherein the retrieved [word is] words are displayed in a sequence of higher retrieval frequency.

Claim 19, (New) a method of searching for words stored in a memory of a handheld device, said method comprising:

a) inputting the first letter of a word to be searched;

b) immediately after step a), inputting the last letter of the word to be searched with no intermediate letters being input;

c) searching for words in the memory having the first and last letters input in steps a) and b); and

d) displaying at least one word in the memory having said first and last letters;

wherein the words searched in step c) contain more than six letters;

wherein words in step d) are displayed in a sequence beginning with a word having the highest retrievable frequency.

Claims 20 and 22 (cancelled).

Interview Summary

4.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory G. Schivley on 08/04/2008.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

5.   Claims 1 and 19-25 are allowed.

6.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements, the distinctive limitations of

(a) "sequentially typing in only the first letter and then the last letter of a word to be input, and pressing a function key." as recited, or similarly recited in claim 1 and all claims limitation 19, 21, 23 -25.

(b) "Wherein the retrieved words are displayed in a sequence of higher retrieval frequency, as defined in said first table." as recited, or similarly recited in claim 1 and all claims limitation 19, 21, 23 -25.

The closest prior art, Yang (US PUB No.: 2004/0012642) and Lee (US Patent

No.: 6,686,902) when combined, show a substantially similar device or computer-

readable medium with instructions for performing the applicable steps.

Yang teaches similar matters regarding method of inputting characters on a

wireless mobile terminal. Specifically, the method includes:

(1) minimizing the number of key inputs when inputting characters on a wireless

mobile terminal;

(2) facilitating the input of characters on a wireless mobile terminal;

(3) inputting alphabetic characters, which enable the user to easily input

alphabetic characters on a wireless mobile terminal,

Lee teaches a method and apparatus for inputting characters in a mobile terminal.

The system includes: (1) a method for allowing a user of a mobile terminal to easily input

characters; (2) a method, which can minimize the number of keys pressed when the

characters are inputted into the mobile terminal; (4) sequentially displaying characters

corresponding to pressing a key from a number of keys in a key input unit; and when the

pressing of the key is terminated, maintaining a character displayed in a current cursor

position and displacing the current cursor position to a next cursor position,

However, neither Yang alone, or in combination with Lee teach the specific

limitation as recited in the independents 1. Therefore, Yang and Lee still fail to anticipate

or render the above-cited limitations obvious.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

7.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to MESEKER TAKELE whose telephone number is

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5:00PM est.

        If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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